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> Re: Plea Agreement with Amdije Toska

Dear Mr. Young:

This letter sets forth the plea agreement between your client, Amdije Toska, and the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey ("this Office").

#### Charge

Conditioned on the understandings specified below, this Office will accept a guilty plea from defendant Amdije Toska to a one-count Information charging Amdije Toska with making hoax bomb threats, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1038(a). If Amdije Toska enters a guilty plea and is sentenced on this charge, and otherwise fully complies with all of the terms of this agreement, this Office will not initiate any further criminal charges against Amdije Toska for her role in calling in hoax bomb threats to the Camden federal courthouse in Camden, New Jersey, and the Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton, New Jersey, on or about January 12, 2018. However, in the event that a guilty plea in this matter is not entered for any reason or the judgment of conviction entered as a result of this guilty plea does not remain in full force and effect. Amdije Toska agrees that any dismissed charges and any other charges that are not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date this agreement is signed by Amdije Toska may be commenced against her, notwithstanding the expiration of the limitations period after Amdije Toska signs the agreement.

### Sentencing

The violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1038(a) to which Amdije Toska agrees to plead guilty carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) the gross amount of any pecuniary gain that any persons derived from the offense; or (3) the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense. Fines imposed by the sentencing judge may be subject to the payment of interest.

The sentence to be imposed upon Amdije Toska is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge, subject to the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3551-3742, and the sentencing judge's consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The United States Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, not mandatory. The sentencing judge may impose any reasonable sentence up to and including the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and the maximum statutory fine. This Office cannot and does not make any representation or promise as to what guideline range may be found by the sentencing judge, or as to what sentence Amdije Toska ultimately will receive.

Further, in addition to imposing any other penalty on Amdije Toska, the sentencing judge: (1) will order Amdije Toska to pay an assessment of \$100 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013, which assessment must be paid by the date of sentencing; (2) may order Amdije Toska to pay restitution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663 et seq.; (3) may order Amdije Toska, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3555, to give notice to any victims of her offense; (4) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583 may require Amdije Toska to serve a term of supervised release of not more than 3 years, which will begin at the expiration of any term of imprisonment imposed. Should Amdije Toska be placed on a term of supervised release and subsequently violate any of the conditions of supervised release before the expiration of its term, Amdije Toska may be sentenced to not more than 2 years' imprisonment in addition to any prison term previously imposed, regardless of the statutory maximum term of imprisonment set forth above and without credit for time previously served on post-release supervision, and may be sentenced to an additional term of supervised release.

# Rights of This Office Regarding Sentencing

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, this Office reserves its right to take any position with respect to the appropriate sentence to be imposed on Amdije Toska by the sentencing judge, to correct any misstatements relating to the sentencing proceedings, and to provide the sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office all law and information relevant to sentencing, favorable or otherwise. In addition, this Office may inform the

sentencing judge and the United States Probation Office of: (1) this agreement; and (2) the full nature and extent of Amdije Toska's activities and relevant conduct with respect to this case.

### Stipulations

This Office and Amdije Toska agree to stipulate at sentencing to the statements set forth in the attached Schedule A, which hereby is made a part of this plea agreement. This agreement to stipulate, however, cannot and does not bind the sentencing judge, who may make independent factual findings and may reject any or all of the stipulations entered into by the parties. To the extent that the parties do not stipulate to a particular fact or legal conclusion, each reserves the right to argue the existence of and the effect of any such fact or conclusion upon the sentence. Moreover, this agreement to stipulate on the part of this Office is based on the information and evidence that this Office possesses as of the date of this agreement. Thus, if this Office obtains or receives additional evidence or information prior to sentencing that it determines to be credible and to be materially in conflict with any stipulation in the attached Schedule A, this Office shall not be bound by any such stipulation. A determination that any stipulation is not binding shall not release either this Office or Amdije Toska from any other portion of this agreement, including any other stipulation. If the sentencing court rejects a stipulation, both parties reserve the right to argue on appeal or at post-sentencing proceedings that the sentencing court was within its discretion and authority to do so. These stipulations do not restrict this Office's right to respond to questions from the Court and to correct misinformation that has been provided to the Court.

## Waiver of Appeal and Post-Sentencing Rights

As set forth in Schedule A, this Office and Amdije Toska waive certain rights to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion after sentencing, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

# Immigration Consequences

The defendant understands that, if she is not a citizen of the United States, her guilty plea to the charged offense will likely result in her being subject to immigration proceedings and removed from the United States by making her deportable, excludable, or inadmissible, or ending her naturalization. The defendant understands that the immigration consequences of this plea will be imposed in a separate proceeding before the immigration authorities. The defendant wants and agrees to plead guilty to the charged offense(s) regardless of any immigration consequences of this plea, even if this plea will cause her removal from the United States. The defendant understands that she is bound by her guilty plea regardless of any immigration consequences of the plea. Accordingly, the defendant waives any and all challenges to her guilty

plea and to her sentence based on any immigration consequences, and agrees not to seek to withdraw her guilty plea, or to file a direct appeal or any kind of collateral attack challenging her guilty plea, conviction, or sentence, based on any immigration consequences of her guilty plea.

## Other Provisions

This agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and cannot bind other federal, state, or local authorities. However, this Office will bring this agreement to the attention of other prosecuting offices, if requested to do so.

This agreement was reached without regard to any civil or administrative matters that may be pending or commenced in the future against Amdije Toska. This agreement does not prohibit the United States, any agency thereof (including the Internal Revenue Service), or any third party from initiating or prosecuting any civil or administrative proceeding against Amdije Toska.

No provision of this plea agreement shall preclude Amdije Toska from pursuing in an appropriate forum, when permitted by law, an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion claiming that Amdije Toska received constitutionally ineffective assistance of counsel.

## No Other Promises

This agreement constitutes the plea agreement between Amdije Toska and this Office and supersedes any previous agreements between them. No additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

Very truly yours, CRAIG CARPENITO United States Attorney

BY:

Assistant U.S. Attorney

APPROVED:

FABIANA PIERRÉ-LOUIS

Attorney-in-Charge, Camden

I have received this letter from my attorney, Thomas Young, Esquire. I have read it. My attorney and I have discussed it and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. I further understand that I am giving up certain important rights, including my right to trial by jury, my right to appeal the conviction and sentence in this case, and my right to file a petition for habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. I understand this letter fully. I hereby accept its terms and conditions and acknowledge that it constitutes the plea agreement between the parties. I understand that no additional promises, agreements, or conditions have been made or will be made unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties. I want to plead guilty pursuant to this plea agreement.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Date: February 6, 2018

I have discussed with my client this plea agreement and all of its provisions, including those addressing the charge, sentencing, stipulations, waiver, and immigration consequences. My client understands this plea agreement fully and wants to plead guilty pursuant to it.

2-6-2019

THOMAS YOUNG, Esq.

Assistant Federal Public Defender

### Plea Agreement With Amdije Toska

### Schedule A

- 1. This Office and Amdije Toska recognize that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the Court. This Office and Amdije Toska nevertheless agree to the stipulations set forth herein.
- 2. The version of the United States Sentencing Guidelines effective November 1, 2018 applies in this case.
- 3. The applicable guideline is U.S.S.G. § 2A6.1. The base offense level is 12. See U.S.S.G. §2A6.1(a)(1).
- 4. Because the offense resulted in substantial disruption of public, governmental, or business functions or services, the offense level increases 4 levels.
  - 5. Accordingly, the adjusted offense level is 16.
- 6. As of the date of this letter, Amdije Toska has clearly demonstrated a recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for the offenses charged. Therefore, a downward adjustment of 2 levels for acceptance of responsibility is appropriate if Amdije Toska's acceptance of responsibility continues through the date of sentencing. See U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a).
- 7. As of the date of this letter, Amdije Toska has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of her own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of her intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting this Office to avoid preparing for trial and permitting this Office and the court to allocate their resources efficiently. At sentencing, this Office will move for a further 1-point reduction in Amdije Toska's offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b) if the following conditions are met: (a) Amdije Toska enters a plea pursuant to this agreement, (b) this Office in its discretion determines that Amdije Toska's acceptance of responsibility has continued through the date of sentencing and Amdije Toska therefore qualifies for a 2-point reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), and (c) Amdije Toska's offense level under the Guidelines prior to the operation of § 3E1.1(a) is 16 or greater.
- 8. In accordance with the above, the parties agree that the total Guidelines offense level applicable to Amdije Toska will be 13 (the "agreed total Guidelines offense level").

- 9. The parties agree not to seek or argue for any upward or downward departures (at Step II of Sentencing), adjustments or variances not set forth herein. Amdije Toska and this Office each reserve the right to move for a variance (at Step III of sentencing) and to oppose any variance application made by the opposing party.
- 10. Amdije Toska knows that she has and, except as noted below in this paragraph, voluntarily waives, the right to file any appeal, any collateral attack, or any other writ or motion, including but not limited to an appeal under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or below the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 13. This Office will not file any appeal, motion, or writ which challenges the sentence imposed by the sentencing court if that sentence falls within or above the Guidelines range that results from the agreed total Guidelines offense level of 13. The provisions of this paragraph are binding on the parties even if the Court employs a Guidelines analysis different from that stipulated to herein. Furthermore, if the sentencing court accepts a stipulation, both parties waive the right to file an appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion claiming that the sentencing court erred in doing so.
- 11. Both parties reserve the right to oppose or move to dismiss any appeal, collateral attack, writ, or motion barred by the preceding paragraph and to file or to oppose any appeal, collateral attack, writ or motion not barred by the preceding paragraph.